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The POPISH

MASSACRE,

As it was Discovered to the Honorable

House of Commons:

Sitting in a Grand COMMITTEE for the

Suppression of Popery:

In the Month of *June* 1678. at the time of the Parliaments Prorogation.

By *Richard Greene*,

OR,

The IV Part of the present Popish Plot, farther Discovered and Demonstrated.

Being part of *Dr. Tonges* Collections on that Subject, Published for his Vindication.

Whereby it may appear, who were the Inventers, and Contrivers of this Plot, and who the Movers of the first Discoveries of it, in which he is still a great Sufferer and no Plotter.

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Publisher to the READER.

Courteous Reader,

WHilſt Dr. *Tonge* finds many Lets and Diſcouragements to go through with the ſolid Hiſtory of the Plot, he hath been importuned by nothing more then his Charity towards this poor Witneſs to part with and permit, and aſſiſt him to publiſh in Print theſe his Papers, the Originals whereof received from him at ſeveral times are ſtill in the Doctors Cuſtody, Written in his own Hand.

The Collections the Doctor prepared for the other 3 parts, namely, his Diſcoveries and Demonſtrations of the Jeſuites acting in this Plot, as Aſſaſſines, Regicides and Incendiaries are already in the Preſs, on deſigns of like Charity, and to the end, that if he ſhall be ſtill diſenabled or diſappointed in his publication of his intended Hiſtory, Poſterity may have ſufficient ground, to believe, publiſh to the World, and relate to all Ages, the Bloody, Treacherous, and Ungrateful practices of theſe reſtleſs beautefewes, againſt the moſt Gracious Princes, King *James*, King *Charles* the Martyr, and his Majeſty that now lives, (an unparallell'd Miracle of Gods wonderful and merciful Providence,) and againſt the Churches and Kingdoms, wherein they did or might have lived, with as much liberty and leſs ſuſpicion at leaſt, as ſome diſſenting Proteſtants, had they known any moderation.

If we find theſe have favourable entertainment, we ſhall be encouraged to proceed to other parts, which the Doctor hath provided as materials for his Hiſtory, and may with better ſatisfaction, as we hope, to the Publick, be diſperſed into many hands by the Preſs, then concealed for his own uſe only in his private Papers.

And it is hoped, that whilſt the Doctor thus waves both his Credit and Profit, with a greater reſpect to Charity and Publick Good, it will not be expected that theſe things ſhould appear in any other dreſs, than that of their native ſimplicity.

Da veniam ſubitis, non diſplicuiſſe meretur,
Feſtinat Patriæ qui placuiſſe ſuæ.

Pardon kind Readers, what you can't commend,
This haſt to pleaſe deſerves not to offend.

To the Honourable, the Committee of the House of Commons, appointed for the Examinations of the Popish Conspiracies.

I Commend unto you this plain Relation of the first Discovery of the Popish plotted Conspiracy for subverting the Government and Religion, and Massacring the People of the Kingdom of England, *and other his Majesties Dominions, and the assassinating his Royal Person: as I drew it up (for my own satisfaction) out of several pieces at several times; and of the first Discoverers thereof; according to the notices I have been able to procure of them, and so far as they are willing to be known.*

You will be pleased to excuse the rudeness and imperfection thereof: it is one part of a large rough draught of the general Narrative which I have in hand, and wherein I propose to my self to omit nothing that I conceive may by your Wisdom and diligence improved, conduce to the clearing the simplicity, sincerity, integrity, ingenuity, candor or truth of the Witnesses produced, or to be produced in this affair, or for the discovery of any matter of fact or circumstance that may tend to the disclosing of this Conspiracy, or any, the Conspirators therein, or any further evidence against them, or refuting the Scandals, Lyes, Æquivocations, Forgeries, Briberies, Subornations and Perjuries, wherewith they so mightily impose upon Multitudes of People, darken the clearest Evidences, and contradict most manifestly the truest Narratives.

I know some minute Circumstances and passages, and such as relate to some accidental occurrences by which these things were brought to Light (which I have purposely inserted to refute some studied Cavils, representing them as politick contrivances) are lyable to exceptions, and sinister interpretations of some concerned persons, but those who are candid, will find therein cause to give God all the Glory: Who by the accidental Circumstances of undesigned, uncontrived events discovers, disciphers, displays suddenly the long projected, most craftily contrived, deeply hid, and vigorously prosecuted unjust machinations of wicked Politicians and Conspirators against his sacred purposes. By these, next to nothing, and many times meerly imaginary appearances, jealousies and panick fears, he rejoyceth to expose to contempt, and render altogether ridiculous and ineffectual what in all humane appearance was wisely designed and strongly built; and as he first made all things out of, so he often shakes Heaven and Earth with things that do not appear; whilst he chuseth not the mighty and wise of the World to confound such as themselves, and frequently catcheth most subtle Machiavellian Politicians in the craft; Snares they have laid, and the deadly Pits they have digg'd for others, &c. Not unto us, not unto us, but to thy Name be the Praise. So let all thy Enimies Perish, O God. *Amen.*

The Right Reverend Father in God, Herbert, *Lord* Bishop *of* Hereford, *had long since some notice of this Plot, either from the Information or Depositions of* Mr. Robert Woodhouse, Richard Green, *and several others (made about* Whitsuntide 1676. *at* Hereford, *before* Sir James Bridges (*now* Lord Shandoes) *and other Justices of the Peace of the County of* Hereford, *by Order of his Majesty, upon a report spread in those parts of change of Government and insurrections of Papists: which Examinations and Depositions were by the said Justices sent up to his Majestie, and* Captain Thomas Bowyer *was committed to Prison upon them) or else from other persons, or by other means, as his words following will shew, taken out of his Epistle prefixed to his Legacy, Printed* Anno Domini 1678, *and Dedicated or directed to his Dioceses.*

IT is now a year and half since (*viz. in the year* 1676.) I told you of my sad apprehensions of Popish Design, to destroy both us and our Religion, for though no particular discovery could then be made, yet the discourse and actings of several Papists in these parts did plainly shew they were then preparing that which is now discover'd, for they were then providing Horses and Arms, they posted about Day and Night, they threatned many, That they must ere long Turn or Burn; and some told their Friends, That if it came to Cutting of Throats, they should be saved; which made it evident, that not only they had some bloody design, but also thought themselves sure to effect it: Whereupon I besought you to Arm your selves against the day of Tryal, and Preached a Sermon to that effect. And not knowing what kind of Pastor you might have after my Death, whether a Protestant Pastor not well verst in such matters, or a Popish Pastor wholly Devoted to them; I resolved at my Decease, to leave you these Sermons as a Legacy, &c.

Doctor

1. Dr. *Tonges* Relation of the General Massacre, Intended and Plotted by the Papists: 2. Brought into Parliament by his Direction and Assistance: 3. Near the time of their Prorogation, about the 22*th.* of *June*, 1678. by *Richard Greene* of *Dilwin*, in the County of *Hereford*, who first informed the Doctor of it.

Greenes *Relation, delivered to* Dr. Tonge, *about the* 20th. *of* June, 1678. *as he had Written it long before with his own hand, for his own better remembrance: the Original whereof, the Doctor keeps for his own Justification, and will produce when he shall be required.*

Sunday the 23. of *January* 167⅘.

1. I *Greene* coming from *Dilwin* Church on the Lords Day, being the 23*d.* of *Jan.* last, with *Thomas Boyer*, Servant (and Kinsman) to Mr. *Thomas Boyer*, of *Luntlow*, in the Parish of *Dilwin*, had a Discourse as followeth: said *Thomas Boyer*, Mr. *Johnson* doth take a great deal of pains to Preach against the Papists, but they care little for it. Said *Green*, because they come not to hear him: and said *Boyer*, No, nor never will come now, *Green*, I wish that the Lord would be pleased to open their Ears and Hearts, to hear and know the Truth. *Boyer*, I could wish so too, (said he) but it is to no purpose now, for they be further off now than ever they were. Then *Green* said, you have been amongst them lately, what did you hear from them? *Bowyer* said they be Deviliſh high, higher than ever they were, I pr y God grant, they may never have their Wills, they make accoun it will All be their own.

Note, he was lately returned from *Staffordshire*, with his Master, *Captain Boyer*.

2. *Thomas Boyer* of *Luntlow*, in the Parish of *Dilwin*, Gentleman, Papist Convict, lately returned from a Journey into *Staffordshire*, meeting him, the said *Richard Greene* accidentally in the Fields, asked him, What Newes? to which he replyed: that he had heard of an Earthquake,

Note, *It appears though* Green, *hath not named the particular day, wherein he had his conference with this* Boyer, *that it was betwixt Sunday, the* 23d. *and Saturday, the* 29th. *of* January, 167⅘. *and that* Captain Boyer, *made the like Discourse (whereof his mind was very full) the very same day to* Mr. Robert Woodhouse, *another of the Witnesses, mentioned in the following Relation; as they rode together to* Mr. Woodhouses *House:* vide infra.

and that at *London*, the Foundations of several Houses were sunk by it, and worse news then all that; That the King was dead, and that it was a Week before the News of the King was contradicted: to which the said *Boyer* replyed, That the said Earthquake was generally all over *England*, but no Houses sunk at *London*, and that the News was there where he Travelled, That the King was dead, but it continued not above 24 hours, that if it had continued 48 uncontradicted, the News of his recovery had come too late, for had it (the News of his Death) continued, it would have been an Earthquake

Note, That Mr. Dugdale, *in the Tryal of* Whitebread, Harcourt, Gavan *and the rest, saith, that if the Kings Death should happen, they should have been ready to give the first allarm in the Country: and that a Letter was sent into the Country to shew it was the Opinion of them at* Paris *and* St. Omers, *to give out that it was (in Case the King had been kill'd) still those King killing Presbyterians that had done the Fact, thereby to bring the Protestants over to their side, to revenge themselves of the Presbyterians, and cut them off; that they might more easily deal with the Protestants themselves, and cut them off likewise afterwards: and this shews both what overturning Earthquake,* Boyer *spoke of.*

indeed, such an Earthquake as had not been in *England* this Hundred years, it had not only shaken, but overturned the very Foundations.

Whereupon *Green* ſaid, you have good Intelligence, to hear that News, and to have it contradicted in 24 hours: *Boyer* anſwered, the beſt Intelligence in *England** He the ſaid *Boyer* alſo ſaid, that this was the third Fit of an Apoplexy or Trance, that the King had had. To which, when *Green* replyed, that God be praiſed, the Proverb was not fulfilled on his Majeſty; which is, *If a man have two ſhrewd Turns, let him beware of the Third.* *Boyer* ſaid, its true, he hath eſcaped the third, but let *England* beware of the next, ſaid *Boyer*. See ſome particulars here omitted, below Numb. 5. and Marginal Notes there inſerted of their Deſign upon the Kings Death, ſet out by *Dugdale*.

* This agrees with *Dugdales* Depoſition, that they had three times a Week conſtantly, and ſometimes by Expreſſes, Letters from *London*.

Memorandum, This was the effect of *Greens* Depoſitions, put in with his Petition into the grand Committee of the Houſe of Commons, *June* 78. then aſſembled for ſuppreſſing Popery.

3. *Green* ſays, In the latter end of the ſame Week, the ſaid *Thomas Bowyer* (Servant and Kinsman to *Captain Boyer*) cometh into my Shop, it being after I had diſcourſed with his Maſter, and then after ſome Friendly greeting had paſſed between us; I the ſaid *Green*, ſaid, Couſin *Thomas* (for *Green* was his Kinsman) what were the Papiſts (whilſt you were amongſt them,) ready to get up on Horſe back, to cut our Throats? ſaid *Boyer*, I, ſure enough; it ſeems ſo ſaid *Green*, for had not their News been quickly contradicted of his Majeſties being dead, they were ready to mount, ſaid *Boyer*, Who told you, ſaid *Green*, you are very cloſe, but I have had ſome Diſcourſe with your Maſter, ſince you came home; ſaid *Boyer*, did he tell you ſo? I'le tell you nothing, they be a Bloody ſort of People. God bleſs us out of their hands, and ſo *Boyer*, departed with that Prayer in his mouth.

Viz. *about the* 29 *of* January 167⅘.

Note, *That by theſe Words compared with other paſſages in this Relation*, Richard Greene *wrote this Paper within a twelve month after his aforeſaid talk with Captain* Boyer *(viz.) before* February 167⅘.

Upon chance within the ſpace of one year ſince, I met with Mr. *Boyer*, walking along his Grounds, and after we had greeted each other according to the time of the Day, *Boyer*, asked me, What News? *Green*, told him, I heard not any, I pray, what have you heard? *Boyer* anſwered, I have heard none, but that the Parliament is adjourned: *Green* asked him, What they had done, *Boyer*, told me nothing at all; but they were about to make a moſt unreaſonable Act: *Green*, asked him what it was; *Boyer* told him, it was that which he had told me of, which was to ſettle the Inheritance of the Crown upon a Proteſtant Succeſſor: *Green* asked him, if the Parliament would have made ſuch an Act, I pray you what did hinder them, and *Boyer* told me, that all the Parliament were not ſo enclined, but only a factious party of them, in hatred towards the Duke of *York*, becauſe he is a Papiſt; *Green* told him, that I wiſhed the Succeſſion of the Crown might be ſettled whilſt his Majeſty doth live, to prevent a Bloody Diſpute, which is very much feared by many will be, except the Succeſſion of the Crown be ſettled: after which *Boyer* told me, that the Crown after the Death of his Majeſty, doth abſolutely belong to the Duke of *York*. *Green* asked him, How could that be, being that the King hath a Son, which is the Duke of *Monmouth*, whom all the Proteſtants which I have heard ſpeak thereof, do declare to be his Fathers lawful Heir. *Boyer* told me, that is not, nor cannot be: *Green*, wiſhed him to take heed what he ſaid, for the Duke of *Monmouth* is Legitimate, for Mr. *Benge* of *Pembridge*, told me, that a very honeſt Gentleman told him, that a Biſhop told him, he married his Majeſty to the Duke of *Monmouths* Mother; *Boyer* ſaid, I do not ſay the Duke of *Monmouth* is a Baſtard, but the Objection is, that the King was not married to his Mother with the Conſent of the Parliament; *Green* told him, that their Objection I ſuppoſed, would ſignify little or nothing: for if there be a difference between the Duke of *York*, and the Duke of *Monmouth*, and the Parliament do not ſettle it, I believe that all the Proteſtants in *England* will adventure their Blood, before the Duke of *Monmouth* ſhall loſe his Birthright, and we loſe the liberty of our Religion too: and *Boyer* anſwered, And we will adventure all our Lives and Fortunes in the behalf of the Duke of *York*, and for the Intereſt of our Religion: *Green* asked him, what can you do, for you be nothing to us, ſaid *Boyer*, Do not you think ſo, for although we be but thin here, yet there be many in other places, and powerful perſons too: I will raiſe a Company; ſaid *Green* of what? *Boyer* ſaid of Horſe: *Green*, asked him how many his Company ſhould be? *Boyer* ſaid, an Hundred: *Green*, ſaid unto him, by that time you have bought an Hundred Horſes, and armed an Hundred men, I ſuppoſe you will make a great breach in your Eſtate: then *Boyer* turned himſelf to me, and ſaid, I believe I can Raiſe and Arm Threeſcore well, and do my ſelf no harm, what think you? but ſaid *Green*, where is your Commiſſion: ſaid *Boyer*, I am now gotten into the acquaintance of them, by whoſe aſſiſtance I can obtain a Commiſſion from the Duke of *York*, aſſoon as another can: and this Diſcourſe was ended in a Meadow, called the Mill Meadow, with his Face towards a Style, between that and a piece of Ground, called the *Low Furlong*, at the Weſt end of *Lunſlows* Mill Garden, preſently after the long Prorogation of Parliament for 15 months or more.

N.B. This agrees well with Mr. *Jenſons* Relation of a Commiſſion promiſed him. And ſhews by the Proportion, this Captain out of a ſmall Eſtate, propoſed to raiſe what Numbers they would have had to Cut our Throats, had not God prevented their Deſign of Aſſaſſinating his Majeſty, the Signal of this Maſſacre. And here it may be noted by what falſe, ſly, and pernicious Suggeſtions and Inſinuations, the Jeſuits ſow the Seeds of Sedition and Rebellion in the Minds of ſimple and well meaning Perſons of all Degrees; as here in the preſent Caſe, pretending and raiſing falſe Titles to the

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Crown, and thereby dividing the Loyal Subjects thereof into bloody feuds and reſolutions: which practices are dangerous to the Kingdom of *England* above all others, whoſe People, as may be ſeen in the Example of this Informant, a poor Weaver from the Yeoman to the meaneſt Mechanick, are all ſenſible of, and concerned for the publick Affairs; and therefore are (as a Wiſe Gentleman long ſince obſerve) the only Kingdom of Gentry in the World, without mixture of Slaves, all Intelligent of, and touched as Gentlemen in other Countries with, and ready to aſſiſt with their Perſons and Eſtates in all publick Extremities.

Sir *Rowland Stanly* about two years ſince about *Lady day*, 1677. held a like Diſcourſe, concerning the Duke of *York* and *Monmouth*, with Mr. *Becket*, by which it appears, this pretence of their Maſſacre was univerſally laid, how little ſoever it may be believed or conſidered by ſome concerned, to lull us aſleep.

Some Particulars omitted in the foregoing Relation of Greens *Diſcourſe with* Boyer,

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BOYER told *Greene*, that it would be the latter end of next Summer, before they ſhould effect their Deſign. Then *Green* asked *Boyer*, why it ſhould be delayed ſo long, ſeeing you were ready to execute the ſame immediately upon the receipt of your Intelligence? to which he anſwered, That if that Advantage or Opportunity had fell or happened into our hands, we would have made the beſt Advantage we could have done of the Kings Death, but by that time we ſhall be in a ſufficient Order to effect our Deſign; * and told me alſo, that all the Papiſts Univerſally, were engaged

**Which was the Kings being diſpatched or killed by the Papiſts; for* Mr. Dugdale *ſaith, in the Tryal of* Whitebread, Harcourt *and the reſt, that two years before the ſaid Tryal, which was about the time of theſe Diſcourſes of* Green *and* Bover) *he heard it Diſcourſed for the firſt time in the little Parlour at my Lord* Aſtons *Houſe, and at* Mr. Ewers *Chamber by* Mr. Ewers *and* Mr. Gavan *(who were the firſt that broke the matter to him, that the King was to be kill'd: that he ſaw a Letter under* Whitebreads *own Hand, encloſed in one from* Groves *to* Mr. Ewers, *wherein he gave* Mr. Ewers *a Caution, to be ſure to chuſe thoſe who were Truſty, Hardy and Deſperate,* &c. *to kill the King. That there were ſeveral Conſultations at* Mr. Ewers *Chamber at* Boſcobell, *and ſeveral other places, for Conſpiring the Kings Death: That at one of theſe Conſultations held at* Tixall, *about the* 21 *of* September 1678, *were preſent,* Mr. Gavan, Mr. Ewers, Mr. Peters, Mr. Lewſon, my Lord Stafford *and others, That he was choſen as a fit Perſon to kill the King, entertained by my* Lord Stafford *and* Mr. Ewers *for this purpoſe; and to be ſent for this purpoſe to* London, *to be under the tuition of* Mr. Parſons: *that he ſaw* Mr. Turner, *when he was going to his Brother* Turner *in* Nottinghamſhire, *with* Mr. Ewers, Mr. Lewſon *and others, and they did conſult and agree there in his hearing, about Conſpiring the Death of the King, Introducing Popery,* &c. *That he ſaw and received ſeveral Packets of Letters from ſeveral Perſons beyond Seas, which were by* Mr. Harcourts *Inſtruction, and communicated by* Grove *to* Mr. Ewers, *which Letters did contain matters in them, for the Introducing of Popery, and Killing and Deſtroying the King. He likewiſe intercepted and read a Hundred Letters, given under* Mr. Harcourts *own Hand to the ſame purpoſe. That* Mr. Gavan *uſed ſeveral Arguments to prove the Lawfulneſs of, and ſhewed him ſeveral Examples for King-killing. Nay, for the killing of any to Introduce their own Religion: he endeavoured to prove it by Scripture, the Text* Mr. Dugdale *could not call to mind, but it was to ſhew, how it was lawful and good to deſtroy any, for the advantage of their Religion: ſhewing the Example of* Father Garnet, *how, by ſeveral of his Relicks beyond Sea, great Miracles had been done. And in the Tryal of* Langhorne, *he ſaith, he was in moſt of their Conſultations for the Murder of the King, that he heard the very words uſed, was hired to be an Actor in it; was to have a ſumm of Money, and a place appointed him to do it: and that the Perſons who put him upon it, was* Mr. Ewers, Gavan, Lewſon, Vavaſſer; *who were all Jeſuits. The Sum promiſed by* Lord Stafford, *and confeſſed by* Lord Aſton, *was* 500 l. *advance mony, and farther Reward, Preferment,* &c.

in the carrying on of their Deſign, and not only in *England*, but in all places, and eſpecially the *French* Papiſts. *Boyer* alſo affirmed that this Plotted * Maſſacre was to be truly Catholick, and to

Note, *That* Mr. Dugdale *ſaith, in* Whitebreads *Tryal, that at ſome Conſultations he heard ſpeak of a Maſſacre, that there was a Maſſacre intended, and an Army to be raiſed, that if any did eſcape the Maſſacre whom they could not be ſure to be Papiſts, they might be cut off by the ſaid Army; and in* Langhorns *Tryal, he ſaith, that* Ewers, Gavan, Lewſon *and* Vavaſſer, *did always ſpeak of an Army that was to be raiſed, but not actually till the King was kill'd. That it was firſt concluded to raiſe an Army, but the laſt reſolution was, that no Armies ſhould appear till the King was kill'd; upon whoſe Death was to be the Maſſacre, and then a pretty conſiderable Army to be raiſed, which was to cut of thoſe who eſcaped the Maſſacre.*

be executed not only in all parts of the Kingdom, but againſt all Proteſtants of whatever Sect or

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Perſwaſion, Presbyterians, Independents or others, Quakers themſelves not wholly exempted, though by him weakly pretended to be favoured: and that in caſe they could not execute this deſigned Maſſacre that Summer, yet before the next Seſſion of Parliament at fartheſt they would do it.

Note, That the Summer 1675. in which this Plot was deſigned to be executed, and conſequently, the King to be killed, was in the time of the 15 months Prorogation of the Parliament, and *Boyer* ſaid, that was to be begun ſo, that it might be fully executed before the time that the Parliament was to meet again.

By which it appears, that if they did not procure that long illegal Prorogation purpoſely, the more ſecurely to execute their Plot againſt the King, yet at leaſt they feared to be diſcovered in Parliament, and thought their receſs the ſecureſt ſeaſon for them to carry on their bloody Deſign againſt Him and His People.

Greenes Memorandum

OMitted in my firſt Diſcourſe with Mr. *Boyer*, which was preſently after the Prorogation of the Parliament, in the latter end of the year 74. in which, as in all the reſt of his Diſcourſe, the ſaid *Thomas Boyer* ſaid, What ſaith Mr. *Rawnel* (which was their Prieſt, as he himſelf declared him ſo to be) the King did but jeer the Parliament, when at his Prorogation of them, He gave them Thanks for their care of Him and of the Proteſtant Religion, and that that Prorogation was in favour to the Papiſts, whom the King looked upon to be his beſt Friends.

I omitted this on purpoſe, becauſe I looked upon it to be one of their Jeſuitical Forgeries, whereby they thought to encourage Proteſtants that were but weak Principled, to become their Proſelytes, and alſo to animate and provoke to Rebellion againſt the Kings Sacred Perſon, and Eſtabliſhed Government all theſe Phanatical partyes, which they by their Buſy, Subtle, and Deviliſh Policies, have torn, rent and divided from our Communion. A very ſad effect thereof appears in *Scotland*, I pray God grant that it may not be as a ſhower of Rain, to cauſe their Seeds of Rebellion to ſpring or grow up here in *England*.

In my ſecond Diſcourſe, I left not out any thing material, but his boaſting of the power of their Wealth, which *Boyer* expreſſed in theſe Words. Money is the Sinew and Strength of War, by that time we make our Attempt, we ſhall be well Furniſhed with That; and having Money, we ſhall not want Men: for there be many of the Common ſort of People, that will Fight for him that will give them the moſt Mony, and beſure we will not ſtarve our Cauſe.

Alſo in the latter end of *Jan.* 74. *Mary Boyer*, Siſter to the ſaid *Thomas Boyer* Papiſt, being at my Houſe, with other Diſcourſes told me, That the King was very Sickly, and would not live long, and then the Duke of *York* will be King, and will ſet up our Religion.

The ſaid *Mary Boyer* had before that time Contracted her ſelf with a Proteſtant Gentleman, but after her Brothers coming out of *Staffordſhire*, and when ſhe did underſtand the Proteſtants were all to be deſtroyed, ſhe broke off with her Proteſtant Lover, and gave him 15 *l.* and after ſhe did Marry with a Papiſt, whom before ſhe did very much deſpiſe.

John Marſhall, Captain *Boyers* Sunday Fidler, for that ſervice only, hath Meat, Drink, Waſhing and Lodging, and all his Week time to himſelf, to employ in Playing, Fiſhing, Fowling, *&c.* all for his own advantage. This was the man who diſarmed his Maſter *Boyer*, he was Baily, and both Treated and Threatned *Greene*, as is elſewhere ſaid, and would have forſworn the Fray between Mr. *Robert Woodhouſe*, and his Maſter, *&c.* Thus *Greene*.

An Account or Narration of what Mr. Thomas Boyer *Papiſt Convict, declared to* Mr. Robert Woodhouſe, *of the Pariſh of* Stanton *upon* Arrow, *in the County of* Hereford, *in the Evening of that day,* January 74. *being Pot-valiant, on which he had freſh and faſting, more at large declared himſelf in the morning to me* Richard Greene, *as the aforeſaid* Mr. Woodhouſe *declared with his own mouth unto me.*

MR. *Boyer* ſaid *Robin*, I will tell thee ſome News: *Woodhouſe*, what is that: *Boyer*, there will be a great many Bloody Noſes in *England* this Summer: *Woodhouſe*, what will become of mine then: *Boyer*, thou art an honeſt Fellow, there ſhall not one Hair of thy Head periſh, I will ſtand between thee and all harm: *Woodhouſe*, what muſt I be under thy Protection; art thou to be ſo much concerned in it: *Boyer*, I will raiſe a Troop of Horſe for the Duke of *York*: Mr. *Woodhouſe* not complying with him, nor yet giving him any Thanks for his proffer'd Protecting of him, the ſaid *Boyer* being riding along with, and being ſomething behind the ſaid *Woodhouſe*, *Boyer* ſaid, God Damn me, *Robin*, look to thy ſelf, for I will run thee through the Back: the ſaid *Woodhouſe* although he ſlighted his proffer'd Protection, yet took notice of his danger, and thereupon ſpurred his Mare which he did ride upon, which received all the Wounds that was given in the Combatt, upon the receipt of which, ſhe ſtarted with her Maſter out of danger, and being out of the ſame, he drew his Sword to defend himſelf, and with as fair warning to his Old Friend and new Enemy, he ſaid, *Now* Boyer *look to thy ſelf, my Sword is drawn as well as thine*: which Words ſounded ſo ſhrill in Mr. *Boyers* mans (*John Marſhal* aforeſaid) ears, that he did ride in between them, to part the Fray, which he did by diſarming his Maſter, and by giving Mr. *Woodhouſe* good Words, who *Woodhouſe* did afterwards entertain them both at his Houſe that Night; but all the Words that paſſed between them before, Mr. *Boyers* man would not acknowledge upon his examination, that he heard any of them, and would

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have denyed that (the fray) too, but that his Maſter let fall the Scabbard of his Sword in the place, and Mr. *Woodhouſe* in kindneſs did ſend one or more of his Servants with himſelf, with a Lanthorn and Candle to find the ſame, for at the preſent the Barrel ended all the Quarrel, they drunk the other bout, and the Drunken Fit being over, it was no more thought upon for a while: but afterwards the aforeſaid *Boyer* did deſire one *Edward Price* a Saddler by Trade, to make for him ſome Holſters for Piſtols, but how many I know not: the ſaid *Edward Price*, having neer the ſame time more Papiſt Cuſtomers for ſuch tackle, was jealous of them; and thereupon he informed a Juſtice of the Peace therewith: upon which information ſeveral Juſtices met in order to examine the ſaid *Price*. And it happened ſo, that the ſaid *Woodhouſe* being in a Market Town called *Preſteyn*, and at the Houſe where the Juſtices met upon the aforeſaid buſineſs, and in the Company of *John Adams* and *Richard Hill* of the ſame, he asked them what was the meaning of the Juſtices meeting there (which was but lately before,) who told him that *Price* the Saddler had informed that one Mr. *Thomas Boyer*, a Papiſt, had beſpoke of him ten pair of Holſters for Piſtols, to which the ſaid *Woodhouſe* replyed, ſurely then he is going to raiſe the Troop of Horſe for the Duke of *York*, which he told me he would raiſe, and therewith declared the aforeſaid Diſcourſe between Mr. *Boyer* and himſelf to them, who informed a Juſtice of the Peace, or Lord Biſhop of *Hereford* therewith, whereupon the ſaid *Woodhouſe* was forced to Witneſs the ſame; and then afterwards (as it is before declared) in the Whitſun week, 1676. I went in with my Information, and then after that, the Juſtices had many times met together upon the ſame Concern, the ſaid *Boyer* was committed to Priſon, there to remain until the next great Aſſize: and We the Witneſſes, *Edward Price*, *Robert Woodhouſe*, Gent. and *Richard Greene* were bound over to the ſame, to juſtify our Evidence in his Majeſties behalf againſt Mr. *Boyer*, before the Judge of the Aſſize, to which accordingly we all very diligently gave our Attendance. But Judge *Wilde* who rode that Circuit, called the ſaid *Boyer*, and did not trouble himſelf (as was expected in a buſineſs of that weight) to examine either the Priſoner or the Witneſſes, but told him that he had read the Depoſitions againſt him, and that therein he did find that he had ſpoke very dangerous Words, and did very ſharply chide him, and told him it did not become ſuch a one as him to talk of the overturning of Kingdoms, and of the carrying on of the changing of Governments, *&c.* and that he might by the Law take a ſeverer Courſe with him; but becauſe he was a young man, he would only bind him to his good Behaviour, and therefore bid him produce his ſurety quickly; and he the ſaid *Boyer*, as before knowing the iſſue thereof, produced two Papiſts for his Suretyes ſtanding by him ready for the ſame purpoſe. Which binding of him, was but a letting of him looſe, (as it did afterwards appear) to ſpit his Popiſh Venom at poor *Richard Greene*, which he and his accomplices did to the purpoſe; for they Proſecuted me with four malitious Law Suits, and Threatned me with many more, and at laſt, wrongfully Impriſoned me: and both before I went to Priſon, and in the Priſon, he demanded nothing of me, but Submiſſion and Recantation; and to declare thoſe Truths which I before upon Oath had Witneſſed againſt him, were Falſe, and to Acknowledg that I had done him Wrong thereby; and that by doing ſo, I may expect his love and favour as formerly: and in not doing ſo, I ſhould never come out of Priſon, which though I never did, yet I am out of Priſon, Thanks be to God; but when I came out I was ſo much impoveriſhed, ſo much Threatned, ſo much Slandered, and ſo much forſaken of Friends (for many ſought to merit the favour of my Adverſaries by doing me Injuries) by which I was forced to ſell my Goods and Cattle; and, my Wife my fellow Sufferer with me in all this, took our flight together from our Native Country.

Theſe are the poor mans own Words, Written down in his own hand, who in another proceeds thus in his Relation.

Anno Domini 1676.

ABout *Whitſuntide*, one *Thomas Woodhouſe* of *Standbeach* in *Herefordſhire*, Hatter, bringing *Richard Greene* a Hat, ſaid, My Brother *Robert Woodhouſe* was in a great deal of trouble about Mr. *Boyer* (aforeſaid) and very ſorry he had occaſioned him to be queſtioned for Words ſpoken to him. *Greene* queſtioned *Thomas Woodhouſe* about what time the Words were ſpoken by Mr. *Boyer* to Mr. *Robert Woodhouſe*, the ſaid Hatters Brother, and he found by him that it was the ſame time that he the ſaid *Greene* had the ſame conference with Captain *Thomas Boyer*, viz. *January* 74. which confirmed him more in his fear of a Maſſacre. *Thomas Woodhouſe* related this Diſcourſe with *Greene* to his Brother *Robert*, who ſent for him to ſpeak with him, and *R. W.* related that *Boyer* had told him, there would be many Bloody Noſes that Summer, but a hair of his Head ſhould not be touched, and that the ſaid *Boyer* would raiſe a Troop of Horſe for the Duke of *York*, and enquired what *Boyer* had ſpoken to him; *Greene* replyed, he would be excuſed; Then *Woodhouſe* ſaid, he would have him Summoned to *Hereford*, where he was himſelf to appear the next day; to this he replyed, he ſcorned to be forced to Witneſs for his King and Country, if he would lend him a Horſe, he would go with him, and accordingly he did, and teſtifyed his knowledge in the Particulars aforeſaid, before the Juſtices of the Peace, then and there aſſembled as hath been related above.

And then it was (*viz.* about *Whitſuntide* 1676.) that the ſaid *Robert Woodhouſe*, *Richard Greene*, and ſeveral others were examined before Sir *James Bridges* now Lord *Shandoes*, and other Juſtices of the Peace of the County of *Hereford*, as aforeſaid; upon whoſe examinations the ſaid Captain *Tho. Boyer* was committed to Priſon, *&c.*

It is to be obſerved, That againſt the ſaid Aſſizes following when the ſaid *Richard Greene* attended to give Evidence againſt Captain *Thomas Boyer*, he had reſerved many conſiderable particulars of his

evidence against the time of the Tryal, to which he expected that Captain *Boyer* would have been then brought in the face of the whole County. So that the Depositions taken before the said Justices are not so full as these Informations in several particulars.

Judge *Wilde* who went that Circuit at that Assizes, never suffered any Witnesses to be produced or examined against Captain *Boyer* (as is said) but only said he had read the *Affidavits*, and ordered him to be bound to his Good Behaviour. Let it be examined by whose Order or Advice he suppressed the evidence of so horrid a Massacre, its probable some of them in question did contrive thus to Suppress this Discovery, their Names also who bespoke the other Cases of Holsters should be inquired, as probably Conscious and agents in this Suppression.

That by this means *Greenes* Evidence being Suppressed, the Discovery which he designed upon his Oath to make in the face of the County of a general Massacre of all Protestants, of what Profession soever, and that universally over all the Kingdom to be made by the Papists Armed and Conspired together in that Plot, was Concealed in a great part, and the Papists thereby encouraged to go on ever since more confidently and fiercely in their Plot both against the Kings Life, whose Death was their Signal, and against all his Protestant Subjects that were to be Massacred thereupon, as far as the Papists Swords could reach, and those whom the Massacre reach't not weakned thereby, were to be pursued and cut off by War and Foreign Assistance, under the Duke of *Yorks* Authority.

In *June* 1678. about the 20th. day, a little before the Parliament was Prorogued Dr. *Tonge* attending on the Parliament with some Propositions for suppressing of Popery, and relief of the Poor, happened accidentally into the Company of *Richard Greene*, with whom he entred some Discourse about promoting the Linnen Manufacture, and his, the Doctors employing so many poor Women to Spin, as might find the said *Greene* constant Work, but found he had sold his Loomes, and fled his Country for fear of the Papists.

That upon this occasion *Greene* related the whole Plot unto Dr. *Tonge*, and his Sufferings occasioned by the discovery thereof, and the accidental manner of his being brought for an Evidence against his kind Kinsman and Landlord, and great confident by Mr. *Woodhouse*. Then out of Compassion to the said *Greene*, and for encouragement of the like Discoverers and Discoveries for the future, Dr. *Tonge* advised the said *Greene* to complain to the Parliament then sitting in a grand Committee for suppressing of Popery, drew him a Petition and Articles out of his, the said *Greenes* own information, and directed him how to deliver it, and least by any accident he might miscarry, wrote a note for him to the Door keeper, to call out some worthy member to receive his Petition, and followed him himself to the House, and saw his Papers delivered into Sir *Trevor Williams* hand, and heard they were read in the Grand Committee.

Richard Greenes Petition

To the Honourable the Committe for suppressing of POPERY.

The Humble Petition of *Richard Greene*, late of *Biton* in the County of *Hereford* his Native Country, and thence terrifyed and forced by Malicious Suits and Terrours by *Thomas Boyer* Gent. Papist Convict, and his Accomplices.

Most Humbly Sheweth,

THAT your Petitioner being a poor Weaver, held a House and Land of Thomas Boyer *of* Dilwins *in the County aforesaid, Papist Convict, for several years paid him his Rent constantly, had never any difference with him till about Whitsuntide* 1676. *at which time your Petitioner with several others, was examined upon Reports spread in those parts of Change of Government expected, and Insurrections to be made thereupon by the Papists.*

That after such time as your Petitioner had made Oath of the particulars upon which he was examined for his Majestie, contained in a Paper hereunto annexed, whereupon the said Boyer *was committed to Prison, and was discharged, he the said* Boyer *after caused your said Petitioner to be causelessly Arrested at the Suit of him the said* Boyer, *demanding only by persons sent to him during his Imprisonment, Submission and Acknowledgement that your Petitioner had done him wrong in his said Deposition, without which he should be kept in Prison and have no discharge, notwithstanding your Petitioner did tender common Bayle, which as your Petitioner was advised, was all the Law did require; and your Petitioner was accordingly detained in Prison about a fortnight, till he could procure a Supersedeas from the Sheriff, (who was then in* London*) to his great expence and loss of his whole subsistence for himself and Family, depending on his Labour and Trade.*

That the said Boyer *having given out that he would Arrest your Petitioner again, as he was credibly informed, which would have been his utter Ruine, and refused* 16 *shillings Rent, tendred as soon as Due, he was forced to sell off the necessary Looms, and other Tooles and Instruments of his Trade to discharge his Debts, contracted by his Imprisonment, and to fly his Native Country, to which he still is in fear to return, for Reasons hereunto annexed. Humply Prayes*

That your Honours would according to your Wisdom provide and apply such relief for your oppressed

ſed Petitioner, and Satisfaction for his unjuſt Impriſonment and Ruine of his Family, as may ſtand with Juſtice and Honour of Parliament; that your Petitioner, and other his Majeſties faithful Subjects may not be deterred from Teſtifying their Knowledge on behalf of his Majeſty, when they are thereunto required, nor to bayl, aſſiſt and relieve one another when Maliciouſly proſecuted by Papiſts, as in your Petitoners Caſe. And your Petitioner ſhall Pray, &c.

The effect of *Richard Greenes* Depoſitions againſt *Thomas Boyer* may be ſeen above in the ſecond Paragraph of this Relation, which he put into the Committee with his Petition and theſe Articles.

The means by which *Richard Greene* hath been forced and terrifyed out of his Country by *Thomas Boyer*, PapiſtConvict, and his accomplices, annexed to and put into Parliament with his Petition.

1. *HE arreſted the ſaid* Greene *without Cauſe, and detained him in Priſon, (refuſing Legal Bayl,) till he had got a Superſedeas.*

2. *He terrified the ſpecial Bayl he had procured, by his Agents, that he ſhrunk from him, though he knew him Innocent.*

3. *He terrifyed all his Neighbours, ſo that when he was to pay* 16*s. his laſt Rent due to* Boyer, *for a Tenement and Land he held of him, none durſt tender it for him, nor Witneſs it, and* Boyer *himſelf refuſed to take it, when he tender'd it before Witneſs, that he might terrify him with pretence of a Suit.*

4. *He had ſo frighted the Neighbours that none would help him Reap his Crop of Rye, nor carry it for him, and was forced to get Strangers to do it, that when he had brought a Team to carry his Grain, a Threatning Meſſage was ſent to him that carryed it, that by theſe means being in a very deſtitute condition, and in fear of his life, or ſome other miſchief to befal him; he hath been compelled ever ſince to Wander from Place to Place like a Baniſhed man, to ſeek employment for Himſelf and Wife amongſt Strangers.*

The fear of this Maſſacre, and his hard uſage by his Landlord *Boyer* terrifyed *Greene* ſo, that he adviſed with his Wife to go out of *England* to *Virginy* or elſewhere, but his Wife not conſenting, he removed himſelf (aſſoon as he could) further from the ſaid *Boyer*, as diſtruſting his pretended kindneſs * if any riſing ſhould be, and with an intent alſo to be more free and at liberty to teſtify what he knew of this Plotted Maſſacre, when further off from him.

* *For* Greene *was* Boyers *Kinſman and had been very intimate with him till called to Witneſs againſt him.*

This was in February and March. 1676.

Dr. *Tonge* having laid this Foundation of a Diſcovery of this Plot, and brought it thus into Parliament with one Witneſs preſent to atteſt it; he hoped that by the Wiſdom, Induſtry and Intelligence of that Honorable Houſe, upon examination of *Greene* and other two Witneſſes formerly ſworn, and of the two *Thomas Boyers*, Maſter and Servant forementioned, ſome effectual courſe might have been taken to prevent ſuch Bloody Deſigns of the Papiſts, as were then on foot, and ſuppreſs the growth of Popery for the future, and ſo thereby to avoid the danger of ſuch Plots, Tumults and Maſſacres for the Ages to come, from which otherwiſe theſe Kingdoms can never be ſecured, as is now moſt manifeſt.

N. B. This Captain *Thomas Boyer* hath ſince taken the Oath of Allegiance, *&c.*

Albeit the Prorogation of the Parliament, which followed ſhortly after, did render this firſt Attempt of the Doctors producing this Plot into that High Court, and Propoſitions for Suppreſſing Popery ineffectual at that time, yet it much encouraged him in his Proceedings in the next Diſcovery, which he made ſhortly after, in the latter end of *July* 1678. by Mr. *Oats's* Papers, and relation of the ſame Univerſal Maſſacre, in that he had given ſome Light of it to the Houſe of Commons before, and had ſome Evidence of the general Deſign, by the Teſtimony of *Greene* and others, whom he hoped to produce in Parliament, if he could by any means bring Mr. *Oats's* Papers into that High Court, and cauſed his Oath to be taken by Sir *Edmund bury Godfrey* for that purpoſe, in three ſeveral Depoſitions, one of 73 Articles, *September* 6*th.* and two of 81 Articles, *September* 28. 1678. that in Caſe he had failed of Succeſs in the Privy Council, he might have one Copy at leaſt, to produce in Parliament.

In the latter end of *December* 1678. *Richard Greene* after he had been examined before the Secret Committee of the Houſe of Commons, was ordered to go before Sir *William Scroggs*, the Lord Chief Juſtice and make *Affidavit* of the Truth of his Information, the Tueſday following, that the Perſons Concerned, and the other Witneſſes might be ſent for, but the Parliament was Prorogued on the Munday, the day before that Tueſday appointed for his appearing before the Lord Chief Juſtice, ſo that this purpoſe was defeated, and he remains yet either not fully examined, or not ſworn to his information, and particularly not to the point of the Univerſal Maſſacre intended by the Papiſts in the long receſs of Parliament in the Summer 1676.

That Dr. *Tonge* hath not beenable as yet, to procure a Copy of the *Affidavits* or Examinations of *Richard Greene*, *Robert Woodhouſe*, and the other Witneſſes taken in *Herefordſhire* before the Lord *Standoes*, nor the Tranſcript of them ſent up to the Privy Council as he deſired, and intreated the aſſiſtance of the Committe therein, for the greater certainty of his Narrative of this Diſcovery, and the Confirmation of the Evidence, and the refutation of the Scandals raiſed againſt both him and it. Againſt him as a Contriver or Inventer of this Plot and its Diſcovery to King and Parliament, and the Plot as his Malitious Invention.

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Richard Greenes Depositions.

Put into the Secret Committee of the Honorable, the House of Commons, by Dr. *Tonge* in May 1679.

Richard Greene, late of *Ditwin* in the County of *Hereford*, Weaver; maketh Oath, that he received the relation of the following Particulars of the several Massacres designed by the Papists against his Majesties Protestant Subjects, from the mouth of Captain *Thomas Boyer* of *Luntlow* in the Parish aforesaid, and he verily believes the said Relation to be True.

I. *That in Case his Majesty had dyed of the Swooning Fit he had in the latter end of the year* 1675. *the Papists had then risen in Arms, and overturned all the Foundations of the Government with such an Earthquake as hath not been in* England *this Hundred Years.*

II. *That albeit the King recovered of that which was his Third Fit, contrary to the Proverb, yet they hoped to be ready by the latter end of Summer* 1676. *for their Design.*

III. *That if they could not then fully accomplish their Design, yet at fartherst before the next Session of Parliament, then Prorogued for* 16 *or* 17 *Months, they hoped to effect it.*

IV. *That in this Design all the Papists at Home and Abroad were engaged, and especially the* French, *and expected no assistance from any other Separate Party.*

V. *That no Protestants, Presbyters, Independants,* &c. *were to be spared.*

VI. *That* Thomas Boyer *aforesaid, was to raise a Troop of Horse for this Design.*

VII. *That this Deponent was to be at first examined at* Hereford *Assizes with other Witnesses, where Justice* Wild *put off the Tryal; And only bound the Person aforementioned, (viz.* Boyer,*) to his Good Behaviour* 1676. *and secondly, before the House of Commons in* June 1678. *who, shortly after his Petition delivered into the Grand Committee of the House* For Suppressing Popery, *was Prorogued: Thirdly, before the Lord Chief Justice* Scrogge, *by Order of the Secret Committee, the last Sessions of Parliament, who immediately thereupon, was first Prorogued, and then Dissolved.*

VIII. *That he was never yet examined upon Oath since, though he attended the Secret Committee several times.*

Richard Greene.

Juravit coram me, *John Hoskyns, Master of Chancery.*
May the 12*th.* 1679.

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Courteous Reader,

There are in the Press, and will shortly be published, An Abridgment of Controversies, *being a brief and solid Confutation of Popish Errors, by express Texts out of the Bible of their own Translation. Also, the History of the* Turkish Assassins; *and a Parallel of the them with the Popish; and other Papers of that Subject, the former long since translated, and both now published by* Dr. Tonge.

Be pleased to take notice also of that excellent Treatise, *intituled* The Hearts Sovereign, *long since published at the Charge of the Author, Mr.* Tho. Jones, *late Houshold Chaplain to his Highness the D. of* York: *in which Family he so vigorously opposed the Favorers and Connivers at the* Growth of POPERY: *of which he is able, if called, to give a good Account, That, for that cause he was removed from that Place, to make way for them to pervert his* Highness's *family: and since, hath been by their Contrivance, ruined in his Estate and Reputation, as he hopes to make appear if admitted to Audience.*

Errata, For 167$\frac{2}{4}$ read 167$\frac{4}{4}$.

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